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Via E-File

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Texas State LULAC, et al. v. Torres, et al.*, No. 22-809

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, Respondent Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General, respectfully moves for an extension of the deadline for filing the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter. Respondents Lupe C. Torres and Terrie Pendley have advised Respondent Paxton that they join in this request.

Petitioners filed a petition for a writ of certiorari on February 23, 2023. Respondent Paxton waived response on March 20, and Respondents Torres and Pendley waived response on March 23. On April 12, the Court requested a response, creating a deadline of May 12. Respondents request a 30-day extension of that deadline, creating a new deadline of June 12, 2023. *See* Sup. Ct. R. 30.1.

My staff reached out to counsel for Petitioners via email to ask for Petitioners' position on this motion. Petitioners' counsel advised that the requested extension is unopposed.

The extension is necessary because lead counsel for Respondent Paxton faces additional briefing and argument obligations, and counsel assisting lead counsel also have multiple deadlines during this period. The press of business from numerous, complex matters with deadlines overlapping with the current deadline requires significant time and attention from all counsel:

- *Pernell v. Andrade*, No. 23-10616 (11th Cir.; amicus brief due April 24, 2023)
- *Paxton v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline*, No. 05-23-00128-CV (Tex. App.—Dallas; reply brief due April 25, 2023)
- *Lake v. NextEra Energy*, No. 22-601 (U.S.; discussion with U.S. Solicitor General regarding invitation to file brief on April 26, 2023)
- *Sorto v. Lumpkin*, No. 22-70013 (5th Cir.; appellee’s brief due May 1, 2023)
- *Devillier v. Texas*, No. 22-913 (U.S.; brief in opposition due May 10, 2023)
- *Prible v. Lumpkin*, No. 22-6798 (U.S.; brief in opposition due May 17, 2023)
- *Nelson v. True Texas Project*, No. 07-23-00031-CV (Tex. App.—Amarillo; reply brief due June 1, 2023)

Counsel of record for Respondent Paxton also has significant involvement with several confidential matters concerning the 88th Texas Legislative Session, which runs through May 29, 2023. Further, because Respondents Paxton, Torres, and Pendley wish to coordinate their briefing efforts, all request a 30-day extension here.

For the foregoing reasons, Respondents Paxton, Torres, and Pendley respectfully request a 30-day extension of the deadline to file the response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of June 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted.

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